

EXHIBIT A



118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3746

AN ACT

To provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Fiscal Responsibility
3 Act of 2023”.

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1 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

2 Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference
3 to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall
4 be treated as referring only to the provisions of that divi-
5 sion.

6 **DIVISION A—LIMIT FEDERAL**
7 **SPENDING**
8 **TITLE I—DISCRETIONARY**
9 **SPENDING LIMITS FOR DIS-**
10 **CRETIONARY CATEGORY**

11 **SEC. 101. DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 251(c) of the Balanced
13 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
14 U.S.C. 901(c)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (7)(B), by striking “and” at
16 the end; and

17 (2) by inserting after paragraph (8) the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(9) for fiscal year 2024—

20 “(A) for the revised security category,
21 \$886,349,000,000 in new budget authority; and

lish the study required in subsection (a) in the Federal Register and seek public comments.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the end of the public comment period in subsection (b), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission shall submit a report on its conclusions to Congress and include recommendations, if any, for statutory changes.

SEC. 323. PERMITTING STREAMLINING FOR ENERGY STORAGE.

Section 41001(6)(A) of the FAST Act (42 U.S.C. 4370m(6)(A)) is amended by inserting “energy storage,” before “or any other sector”.

SEC. 324. EXPEDITING COMPLETION OF THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE.

(a) DEFINITION OF MOUNTAIN VALLEY PIPELINE.—In this section, the term “Mountain Valley Pipeline” means the Mountain Valley Pipeline project, as generally described and approved in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Docket Nos. CP16–10, CP19–477, and CP21–57.

(b) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND DECLARATION.—The Congress hereby finds and declares that the timely completion of construction and operation of the Mountain Valley Pipeline is required in the national interest. The Mountain Valley Pipeline will serve demonstrated

1 natural gas demand in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, and
2 Southeast regions, will increase the reliability of natural
3 gas supplies and the availability of natural gas at reason-
4 able prices, will allow natural gas producers to access addi-
5 tional markets for their product, and will reduce carbon
6 emissions and facilitate the energy transition.

7 (c) APPROVAL AND RATIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING AUTHORIZATIONS.—Notwith-
8 standing any other provision of law—

10 (1) Congress hereby ratifies and approves all
11 authorizations, permits, verifications, extensions, bio-
12 logical opinions, incidental take statements, and any
13 other approvals or orders issued pursuant to Federal
14 law necessary for the construction and initial oper-
15 ation at full capacity of the Mountain Valley Pipe-
16 line; and

17 (2) Congress hereby directs the Secretary of the
18 Army, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,
19 the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of
20 the Interior, and other agencies as applicable, as the
21 case may be, to continue to maintain such authoriza-
22 tions, permits, verifications, extensions, biological
23 opinions, incidental take statements, and any other
24 approvals or orders issued pursuant to Federal law

1 necessary for the construction and initial operation
2 at full capacity of the Mountain Valley Pipeline.

3 (d) EXPEDITED APPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of law, not later than 21 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act and for the purpose of facili-
6 tating the completion of the Mountain Valley Pipeline, the
7 Secretary of the Army shall issue all permits or
8 verifications necessary—

9 (1) to complete the construction of the Moun-
10 tain Valley Pipeline across the waters of the United
11 States; and

12 (2) to allow for the operation and maintenance
13 of the Mountain Valley Pipeline.

14 (e) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

15 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
16 no court shall have jurisdiction to review any action
17 taken by the Secretary of the Army, the Federal En-
18 ergy Regulatory Commission, the Secretary of Agri-
19 culture, the Secretary of the Interior, or a State ad-
20 ministrative agency acting pursuant to Federal law
21 that grants an authorization, permit, verification, bi-
22 ological opinion, incidental take statement, or any
23 other approval necessary for the construction and
24 initial operation at full capacity of the Mountain
25 Valley Pipeline, including the issuance of any au-

1 thorization, permit, extension, verification, biological
2 opinion, incidental take statement, or other approval
3 described in subsection (c) or (d) of this section for
4 the Mountain Valley Pipeline, whether issued prior
5 to, on, or subsequent to the date of enactment of
6 this section, and including any lawsuit pending in a
7 court as of the date of enactment of this section.

8 (2) The United States Court of Appeals for the
9 District of Columbia Circuit shall have original and
10 exclusive jurisdiction over any claim alleging the in-
11 validity of this section or that an action is beyond
12 the scope of authority conferred by this section.

13 (f) EFFECT.—This section supersedes any other pro-
14 vision of law (including any other section of this Act or
15 other statute, any regulation, any judicial decision, or any
16 agency guidance) that is inconsistent with the issuance of
17 any authorization, permit, verification, biological opinion,
18 incidental take statement, or other approval for the Moun-
19 tain Valley Pipeline.

20 **DIVISION D—INCREASE IN DEBT** 21 **LIMIT**

22 **SEC. 401. TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF PUBLIC DEBT LIMIT.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3101(b) of title 31,
24 United States Code, shall not apply for the period begin-